

ITALY TO STAY OUT OF BALKAN ARENA

Expedition Bitterly Opposed by
Army Head and Cabinet
Accepts View.

MINISTRY DIVIDED OVER WAR SITUATION

People and Nation United for Con-
tinuation of Conflict, It Is
Declared.

ROME, via Paris, November 6.—The reports that Italy will take a hand in the conflict in the Balkans by landing an expedition in Albania receive no confirmation in official quarters here. The negative attitude of officials leads to the strong conviction that no Albanian expedition is intended.

Sharp differences of opinion have developed in the cabinet concerning the war. These differences have not reached the extent of a crisis, but have brought about a conflict in views, leading to an exciting incident.

One of the ministers at a recent meeting of the cabinet is said to have expressed the view that Italy's best interests would be served by assisting a movement toward the restoration of peace. This caused an angry protest, and charges were made against the good faith of the minister suggesting peace. Epithets were exchanged, and one of the ministers, according to reports, overcame by indignation, threw a book at his colleague whose suggestion had caused the strife.

Country United for War.

The incident is declared to have been largely of a personal nature and the cabinet and country are united, with this exception, for continuing the present policy.

While a cabinet crisis, such as those which have occurred in France, England, and Russia, has been averted, opinion here is divided concerning the conduct of the war, especially as regards a Balkan expedition. Lieut. Gen. Cadorna's iron will has triumphed in this respect. He said he would rather see Italy divided than divided in its policy.

The general staff that allow a part of its troops to participate in a Balkan expedition, and the cabinet, which was adopted by the minister of war and the entire cabinet.

Crisis Also in the Navy.

The navy department also has passed through a crisis. Vice Admiral Camillo Corbi was substituted for Vice Admiral Viale as minister of marine, and this action was quickly followed by the relieving of Vice Admiral Thaon di Revel from the head of the naval general staff. Vice Admiral Corbi has now assumed active direction of the fleet, which is expected to lead an aggressive naval campaign.

Existing relations between Italy and Germany again are a subject of interest among Italian political observers, owing to the lack of a declaration of war upon either side, and because both countries seemingly are avoiding anything which might embitter their intercourse.

Residents Unmolested.

Reports from Berlin say that several thousand Italian workmen still are living in Germany unmolested; indeed, enjoying the thorough protection of the authorities there, while many Germans continue to reside in Italy without suffering any injury.

What is more remarkable, in the opinion of prominent Italians, is that neither side has directed the war against the other in any way. Italy has taken a view to an exchange between the two countries of certain products which do not bear directly on the war, and in some well informed quarters it is thought that when Italy denounces the triple alliance and joined the entente, she made a declaration to the entente that her participation in the war was limited to fighting Austria-Hungary, with the object of conquering the Italian provinces still subject to Austrian rule, at the same time stating that she did not wish to extend hostilities to Germany. This situation, it is pointed out, might enable the two countries to help each other in given circumstances.

The Oxon Hill Mail.

To the Editor of The Star:

Seeing an explanation in The Star of November 1 of the trouble on rural mail routes, we wish to say that we are always glad to receive mail, but as for impossible roads at present, at least, that surely is a mistake, for all roads are in first-class condition now, and yet our mail has been taken from us, greatly to our disappointment. We have been receiving mail at our present home for the past seven or eight years without missing a day's delivery. We suggest that the horse and wagon be continued to deliver mail in this section, as in the past, and use the automobiles on such roads as are improved. By so doing no one will be deprived of the mail, as my neighbors and myself now are. I am progressive, but it seems premature to desert the delivery of mail by the automobile, as bad weather will soon be upon us, and no doubt a number of miles more will have to be abandoned. Furthermore, we pay our taxes and the money is used to build auto roads for others to enjoy. Because our taxes are spent for this purpose, we are not neglected, and because this is so we are deprived of our mail. As for having it left in a box a mile or more from the house, that is out of the question. Unless something is done we will have to come to go to Ansonia, Conn. to get our mail, as we have been doing since October 16.

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WAR OFFICIALLY REPORTED.

AUSTRIAN STATEMENT.

VIENNA, November 5, via London, November 6:

Russian theater: The fighting around Sienikowce continued today, and was concluded with the complete repulse of the Russians from Sienikowce and the western Strpa bank. The enemy lost 2,000 prisoners. The Transylvanian Honved division fought uninterruptedly four days and four nights, and had a most prominent part in the recapture of all our positions.

West of Rafalovka the enemy penetrated our line, but was repulsed by counter attacks. The fighting has not yet terminated.

In the northeast on several parts of the front there is increased Russian artillery activity.

Italian theater: Near Gorizia the situation is calm. There has been a violent artillery fire on the bridgehead of Gorizia, and the northern part of the plateau of Doberdo. Isolated Italian attacks collapsed. During the night six attacks against Zagora were repulsed.

An Italian airship threw bombs on Miralmar.

Southeastern theater: In the Orjen region we stormed the mountain of Mt. Motiki, west of Grahovo, and made prisoners of a large part of the Montenegrin garrison. East of Trebinje several frontier heights were taken. South of Avtovac our advance divisions, before superior enemy forces, evacuated some of our positions.

The army of Gen. Koevess is repulsing the Serbians near Anle, south of Casak. Into the mountains. The German troops are approaching Kraljevo. Austro-Hungarian forces advanced across the heights east of Gruza valley drove the enemy's rear back.

The army of Gen. von Gallwitz has entered Parasini. The Bulgarian first army is progressing.

FRENCH STATEMENT.

PARIS, November 6:

From the Champagne district there was reported last night a fresh German attack against our trenches at the position known as "La Courtine," which resulted in complete failure.

During the fighting with mines, which is going on almost without interruption between the Argonne and the Meuse, the blowing up this morning of one of our collections of explosive materials damaged seriously certain German detachments in the sector of Malancourt.

The night passed with relative calm on the remainder of the front.

The official French statement reads:

Artillery actions have continued during the night. Artillery, especially in the Loos sector.

In Champagne fighting is going on with the same intensity. During the recent attacks, delivered with the same methods and with heavy effect, the enemy was able to push a few elements into our first line trench at hill 199. Everywhere else the enemy was stopped or completely repulsed by our counter attacks.

One of our mines has been destroyed at La Chapelle (east of Badonvillers) a German blockhouse, left in a box a mile or more from the house, that is out of the question. Unless something is done we will have to come to go to Ansonia, Conn. to get our mail, as we have been doing since October 16.

The same day, to the east of Rabrovo, we carried the villages of Memeni and Kajali and attacked the hill crests on the frontier. The Bulgarians have shown great activity with their artillery. They have violently bombarded Valandovo. The action engaged in by our troops to the north of Rabrovo is going on.

BRITISH STATEMENT.

LONDON, November 6:

Between 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. the night of the 4th instance the Turks attacked four times against our extreme right at Anzac. The enemy advanced with filled sandbags and built small barricades. On each occasion, however, they were repulsed with loss on the field. Further south all was quiet.

Although during this attack there was considerable firing and demonstrations by the enemy against different portions of our line, no other attack was attempted. Our casualties were very light.

RUSSIAN STATEMENT.

PETROGRAD, November 5, via London, November 6:

Near Riga yesterday our troops progressed slightly toward the west of Lake Akkel. Artillery and rifle fire continues all along the front in this region.

In the region of Jacobstadt and on the Dvina there is no change in the situation. Near Dynek, south of Lake Swenton, the enemy at 5 o'clock this morning delivered an attack against the village of Platankova, which was repulsed with heavy losses. So far over a thousand bodies have been counted on the field. Further south calm prevails as far as the Pripiet. To the west of Rafalovka (on the Styry river) the enemy, the evening of the 3d, delivered an attack from the vil-

batteries have replied vigorously and have executed fires of retaliation against Leke and St. Pierre Capelle.

GERMAN STATEMENT.

BERLIN, November 6, by wireless to Sarville, N. Y.:

Nish, Serbia, has been captured by the Bulgarians.

Varvarin, on the Morava river, in Serbia, about forty miles northwest of Nish, was captured by the Germans. More than 3,000 Serbians were taken prisoners.

The town of Kraljevo, thirty-five miles southwest of Kragujevac, also has been captured by the Germans, who are pursuing the Serbians to the east of that point.

The Germans have reached the Zupan-yevac district, and in the Morava valley have pursued the Serbians beyond Obrenovica.

The Bulgarian conquest of Nish was effected after three days of heavy fighting. In these engagements the Bulgarians captured 350 Serbians and two cannon.

Near Lukovo the Bulgarians defeated the Serbians, and in the vicinity of Sokobanja also they won a victory, taking more than 500 prisoners and six cannon. Bulgarians and German forces got in touch with each other near Krivovir.

SOCIALIST PAPER SEES WAR FOR LONG PERIOD

Public Discussion That Governments
May Reveal Stand, Urged
in Germany.

AMSTERDAM, via London, November 6.

Commenting upon the recent speeches of Premier Asquith and Brand before the British and French parliaments, the Vorwaerts, the leading Berlin socialist newspaper, says:

"It is obvious that France and England are more resolute than ever in their determination to carry the war through to a successful close. So is the German chancellor. But neither Asquith nor Brand nor von Bethmann-Hollweg is willing to state what he calls a 'successful close.'

"It is impossible to continue the war indefinitely. New theaters of war are being covered with soldiers merely because the warring nations refuse to state their actual aims. Some people declare Germany must fight until her enemies sue for peace, but these enemies do not feel themselves worsted, and no real result is likely for a long time.

"Public discussion about the actual aims of the war should and must be opened, and the governments must uncover their purposes. Then only can we hope the situation will be made clearer and peace brought nearer.

BRITISH WAR COUNCIL HOLDS FIRST MEETING

Lord Kitchener Not Present With
Lloyd George, Balfour
and Grey.

LONDON, November 6.—The new war council which Premier Asquith announced in the house of commons November 2 would conduct the war held its first meeting yesterday. It consisted of the premier, A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, and Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary. Three members of the cabinet conferred with various military and naval experts.

When Premier Asquith announced that a cabinet committee of from three to five members would be named to take charge of Great Britain's military operations, it was taken for granted that Lord Kitchener, secretary for war, would be one of the members. The fact that he was not present at the first meeting may have been due to his absence from London. Rumors of his resignation as war secretary and that he would take command of the army in France have been officially denied.

ENTER "NOT GUILTY" PLEAS.

Horton Simpson and Mrs. Lawrence and Howard Arraigned.

Horton Simpson, Dr. Albert L. Lawrence and Dr. Stanton Wren Howard, jointly indicted six years ago as responsible for the performance of a criminal operation on Miss Abbie M. Country, a school teacher, pleaded not guilty today when arraigned before Chief Justice Covington in Criminal Division 1. Through their counsel the defendants asked leave to withdraw the plea and demur to or move to quash the indictment.

Attorney H. Prescott Gately appeared for Mr. Simpson, Attorney Alvin L. Newmyer represented Dr. Lawrence and Attorney Joseph A. Burkart appeared for Dr. Howard.

Profit Shown by Panama Fair.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 6.—The net profit of the Panama exposition is now \$140,823. The total income of the exposition since the opening to October 31, according to the report of the controller, was \$6,048,129, and the expense of operating aggregates \$4,637,226.

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It is announced. Itinerant peddlers are selling to drug stores large quantities of preparations made up and labeled in imitation of high-priced patented medicines of foreign origin. Only small quantities of the genuine medicines have been imported since the war began, causing a great increase in prices.

Unscrupulous manufacturers are attempting to reap a harvest by substituting for the genuine medicines cheap chemicals with no medicinal value whatever. In order to make it difficult to trace these preparations to the parties responsible for their manufacture, they are not usually distributed through the regular channels of commerce, but are peddled about to drug stores by itinerants who make immediate delivery at the time of sale.

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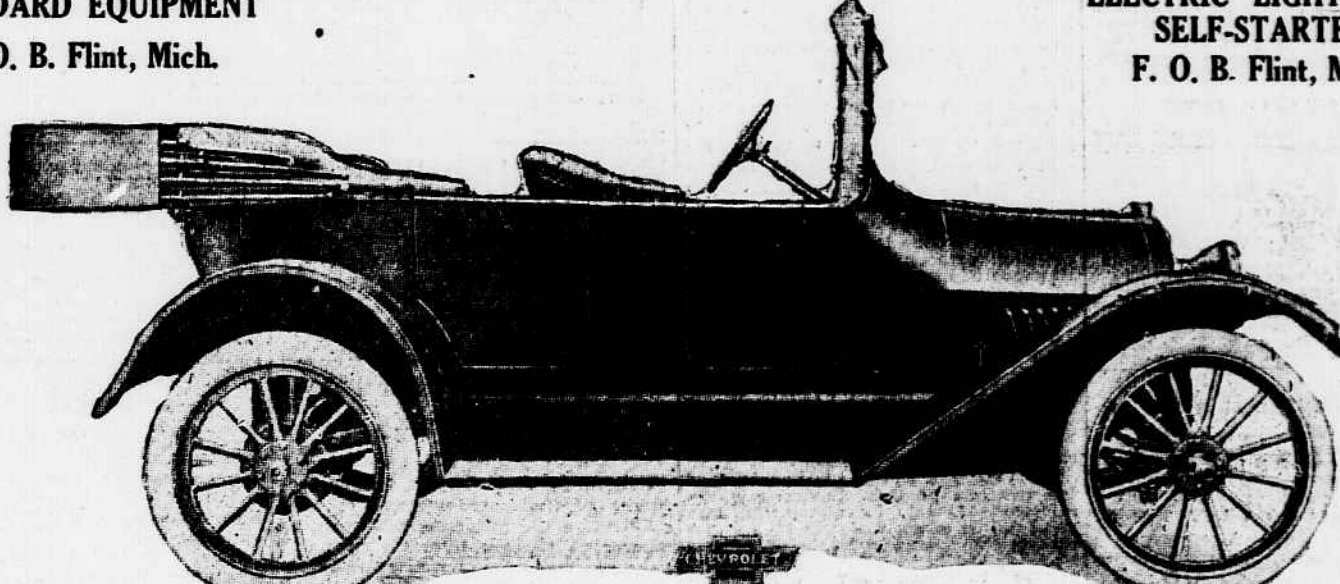
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